

#### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An organic EL device includes pixels disposed with an organic layer including a light-emitting layer 33 between lower electrodes and upper electrodes. A backward bias voltage equal to or less than the withstand voltage of the organic layer in a voltage application condition at the time of use is applied, and preferably a backward bias voltage that is  $1/2$  of, or less than  $1/2$  of, the withstand voltage of the organic layer is applied. Thus, using the withstand voltage of the organic layer in the voltage application condition at the time of use as a guide, the value of the backward bias voltage for self-repair can be set to an appropriate magnitude and defective portions of the pixels can be self-repaired.